

People

Employees

- 211 full-time employees
- 92 permanent part-time and temporary employees

Partners

- 335 unpaid conservation district officials
- 1,962 Earth Team volunteers
- 70 permanent conservation district employees

Location of NRCS Employees in Alabama

- Field office 76%
- State office 24%

NRCS Occupations

- Professional 72%
- Technical 14%
- Administrative 7%
- Clerical 5%
- Other 2%

Offices

- State Offices (Auburn) 1
- Field Offices 56
- Field Offices co-located with other USDA agencies 51

Customers

- Farmers and ranchers
- Urban, suburban, and rural decision makers
- Federal agencies
- State and local governments
- Water management groups
- Educators
- Civic organizations
- Youth groups

Partnerships

- Conservation districts
- Alabama Soil and Water Conservation Committee
- Local communities and community-based organizations
- Federal and State agencies
- Agricultural groups
- Conservation and environmental groups
- Professional societies
- Resource Conservation and Development Councils
- Universities
- Agribusiness
- National Cooperative Soil Survey cooperators

NRCS Programs and Initiatives

- Conservation Technical Assistance
- Emergency Watershed Protection Program
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- Forestry Incentives Program
- Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative
- Resource Conservation and Development
- Wetlands Reserve Program
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
- Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Operations
- Watershed Surveys and Planning
- Rural Abandoned Mine Program
- National Resources Inventory

NRCS Also Provides Technical Assistance to Support:

- Conservation Compliance *Highly Erodible Land Conservation Provisions* (with Farm Service Agency)

- *Wetland Conservation Provisions* (with Farm Service Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- Alabama Agriculture and Conservation Development Committee Cost-share Program
- Conservation Reserve Program (with Farm Service Agency, Cooperative State Research, Education & Extension Service, State Forestry agencies, local conservation districts)
- Flood Plain Management Program (with Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of the Interior)

Accomplishments/Highlights (FY 2000)

- Assisted more than 190,000 customers
- Completed soil survey mapping on more than 303,200 acres
- Digitized 6 soil surveys
- Accelerated assistance to 419 American Indians
- Allocated almost \$2.5 million in EQIP funds
- Helped farmers and ranchers adopt sustainable management systems on nearly 160,000 acres of cropland and 93,335 acres of grazing land

- Installed restoration or enhancement practices on 253 acres of wetlands
- Provided technical and financial assistance to nearly 30,000 producers through EQIP
- Assisted producers with installation of 474 animal waste management systems
- Planned 386 acres in the Wetlands Reserve Program, 270 of which were applied
- Applied 3,484 acres under WHIP, nearly 3,000 more are in the planning stage
- Helped local sponsors complete 72 RC&D projects
- Helped landowners install 16,584 acres of conservation buffers through USDA programs such as EQIP and CRP (This successful Departmental initiative, led by NRCS, involves nearly 100 partners)
- Concluded response to 2 major natural disasters and 2 smaller, local disasters under the Emergency Watershed Protection Program, where approximately \$1.3 million was distributed to 9 counties
- Implemented extensive outreach efforts to serve members of minority racial and ethnic groups, more than 38,000 of which were first-time participants in NRCS conservation programs
- \$2 million in Emergency Conservation Program funds have been allocated to help in drought stricken areas of Alabama

- 56,704 acres of conservation systems have been planned and 40,454 acres applied with state and local cost share programs
- Forestry Incentive Program (FIP)
 - FP-1, Tree Planting – 10,063 acres
 - FP-2, Timberstand Improvement – 250 acres
 - Number Assisted – 216
 - Cost-Share Disbursed - \$539,005

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